

Tech's Booker tough on the mat

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You don't want to mess with Oakland Tech's Ian Booker—especially on the mat.

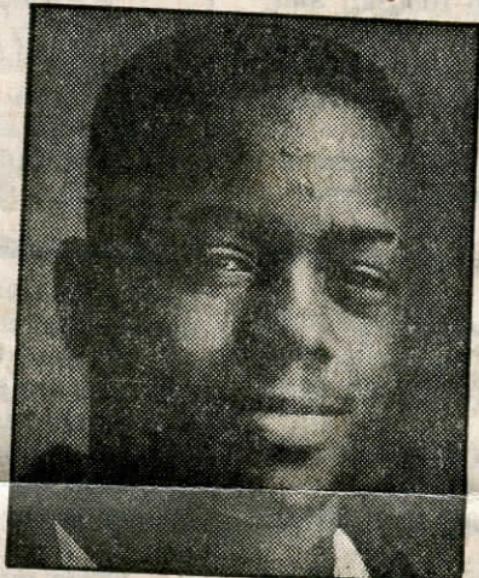
Booker, a 16-year-old junior wrestler, has compiled a 14-0 record and was named out-

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standing wrestler at last week's Oakland Athletic League meet. He also won that honor at the Livermore Invitational in December.

Wrestling at 103 pounds, Booker also has received national recognition. Last summer, he placed third at the USA National Freestyles in Iowa and also placed at the AAU Nationals in Indiana.

"He has a great attitude," coach Ashlee Sherman said. "He's a hard worker and he's a team person. This past summer, Tech had three kids on the California state all-star team and Ian was one of



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them."

Booker has been wrestling for three years. He ran cross country for Tech in his freshman and sophomore years.

"I feel pretty good about this year," Booker said. "I've worked hard to improve my overall skills."